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Docket 11702/54246  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Action dated August 13, 2003, and respectfully requests favorable action in this application. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 04-0932 (Reference Number 11702/54246). The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office action dated August 13, 2003 for 3 months. Please charge deposit account number 04-0932 (Reference Number 11702/54246), in the amount of \$475 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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